

# Newsletter

Term 1, 2022



**LOMANDRA  
SCHOOL**

**CHALLENGES & CHOICES**

## Message from The Principal

Welcome Everyone,

We have had a relatively stable start to 2022. I'd like to thank our parents and carers for supporting our school in the symptomatic RAT testing, which has supported the operations of our school. We have also had small COVID pockets, but in reality we have managed quite a COVID safe environment.

I'd like to congratulate all of our students on their achievements this term, from their integrations, completion of certificates, to their attendance and lastly, for their commitment to improving their behaviour and learning. Most students have completed baseline testing, and can now focus on their Individual Learning Programs. We look forward to supporting you through that next term.

Again, thank you to our staff. They are always available to support you and your children, and have gone above and beyond this term to ensure that we are all working together as our school community.

Lastly, Mark Smith will be back next term. I know we look forward to his return, and I know he is looking forward to catching up on our term 1 successes.

Have a great and safe Easter Break.

Staff return on the Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Students will return to school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours Kindly,  
Leanne Newitt

## Upcoming Events:

Last day of Term 1 2022:

Friday 8 April

School Returns for Term 2 2022:

Tuesday 26 April



*Grow Together*  
LOMANDRA COMMUNITY PROJECT

4/5 Hollylea Road Leumeah, New South Wales, Australia  
2560 Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am to 2:00pm

## Team 1

Term 1 has been extremely exciting and eventful for Team 1. The girls have shown growth in their ability to self regulate and remain on task. They have built a consistent routine for their literacy and numeracy. They have developed positive rapport with one another and use positive verbal encouragement to support one another in learning. Team 1 has been lucky enough to receive new classroom furniture, engage in learning tasks such as Sista Speak and Art with Gina, cooking with Donna, harmony day and sport afternoons. Team 1 are looking forward to achieving their offsite days.



## Team 2

We welcomed Oliver and Cyprus to Lomandra this term. They have both been very welcome additions to Team 2 and have contributed to the positive learning environment we have in the class with their behaviour and work ethic.

Karel, Charlie and Lucas have continued to build on their progress from last year, facing up to their challenges and making positive choices

The whole class has shown admirable dedication to their learning and as result were able to have a very enjoyable day off site together as a reward at the end of the term.



## Team 3

Welcome to high school Team 3! Team 3 has spent valuable time developing respectful relationships with their peers, teacher, and SLSO. Brodie and Logan have been our consistent attenders this term, and often display an eagerness to learn and be on task during class. Team 3 has built a regular routine and structure in our day and all students have been able to use time needed to effectively engage in self-regulating activities. Special mention to Connor, who has been successful in integrating into his home school, Casula High School, on a full-time basis. Team 3 have enjoyed working in the kitchen with Donna, creating artwork with Gina, making music with Adam at Heaps Decent, participating in the 'Top Blokes' program each week, and working collaboratively with Team 4. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings for Team 3.



## Team 4

After two years of interrupted learning, it has been good to be back to a full term. Team 4 have taken on the new year and risen to all challenges. The improvement in their educational commitment has been amazing and they have been maturing as a group. We have had the 'Top Bloke' program attend every Tuesday and this has been beneficial for the adolescent journey they are beginning. We started the year by getting involved in the Winter Olympics and learning most of the country's flags and capitals that competed. Our English program was based on heroes and from the Olympics we discovered some new ones. We are looking forward to term 2 and being able to extend the learning that has already been achieved this year.

Individually Charlie Hamilton has increased his integration by an extra day and the reports coming back from Ingleburn High School are all positive so this may become more days very soon. Lucas Rushmere has had over 90% attendance and has improved his work output dramatically.

Congratulations to team 4 students who have attended and tried their hardest to better themselves.



## Team 5

This year Braythe has been attending two days a week and Jayden attended 3/4 sessions once a week at Oran Par. They have both been doing well and they have increased their time at the school. Thomas is doing two days at Ambarvale and he has been doing well during his integration. Thomas has been asking to increase to three days next term.

In Team 5 Brayther, Josh and Jayden completed their first aid certificate. Jayden completed his white card training. While Thomas finished the Bartisa course.

The following team members in Team 5 will also be attending the Easter show on the final Friday of the term: Braythe, Josh, Thomas and Kyan.



## Team 6

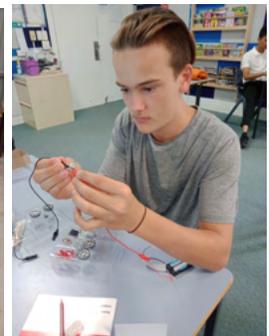
We've had some ups and downs in Team 5 this term with attendance. Students are getting back into the routine of attending school, after 2 very disrupted years of learning.

Izac has been working very hard in all learning areas. In woodwork, Izac has been making a display cabinet so he has a place to store his shoes, hats and other items.

He has enjoyed making circuits in science to light up bulbs and LEDs.

Izac is an active participant in sport each week.

Fitness is a popular part of our regulation activities each week..



## Team 7

This year Team 7 has kicked off to a great start! With myself, new teacher at Lomandra, Matt and Angelica we have seen a great number of successes and reasons to celebrate with our students achieving their own personal goals.

Team 7 students have had a few chances to get out of the classroom and take part in some hands-on learning and career path planning in both first aid training and a careers expo held at Oran Park. Both experiences aim to provide students with information and skills that they could use in their search for employment, either whilst at school or for a post school career. Bryce's involvement at first aid was exemplary and this is to be commended.

Our students Phil and Sonny have been creating some great music in Heaps Decent, and Alyra has made some great progress in helping Donna in the kitchens preparing our lunches!

Adam has been successful at his home school, and we are very proud of him.

In class we have been working on Visual Literacy through picture books, electricity in science and probability in maths, all the while seeing our class build relationships with us and with each other.

Looking forward to the rest of the year with Team 7!



## Team 8 & 9

Team 9 is made up of our senior students and year 12 have officially finished their first semester and only have 2 terms left until they've completed high school, while there are only 2 more terms left of year 11.

We have had a busy start to 2022 and seen two of our students enrolled in TAFE. Big shout out to George who is doing both Floristry and Screen and Media. Not only is he doing TAFE but he is also doing work experience in the Bakery with Woolworths. We saw Samantha and Kaitlyn complete their certificate of attainment in Barista training. While Steven and Damien completed their annual first aid certificate. Steven has managed to successfully receive his drivers license and officially has his L Plates. Damien has submitted an application for the 'Yes' Program which is exciting and is awaiting a response from Campbelltown TAFE.

Team 9 is looking forward to Term 2, when they will get to visit Canberra and officially start the Alive4Life project. This Term the seniors got to visit the space and meet the Alive4Life staff members as we have developed a partnership and students will be renovating and landscaping their outdoor space regularly throughout the year. We were also lucky enough to go see the latest Batman movie at the cinemas as it had links to our literacy and students wrote some persuasive writing for this opportunity and then afterward wrote a review on the film.



## Team 10- Lithgow

Students in Team 10 are supporting each other in their learning and have established positive relationships as a team. Team 10 is quite a diverse group of boys and girls from 14 years of age to 18 years. Students have settled in well and everybody contributes to discussions in meaningful ways and there are real signs that maturity is on the increase!

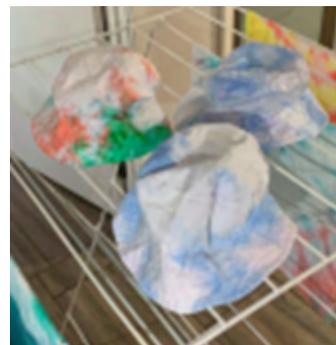
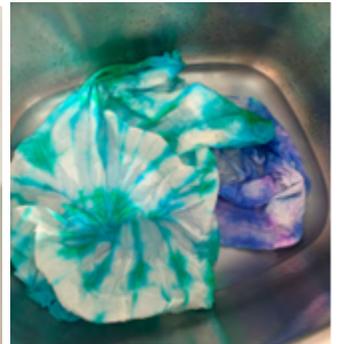
Term One contained some challenges for the students although as staff of Lomandra Jessica and I have worked hard to establish a sense of safety and trust in the classroom environment. All students are demonstrating respect for others and are sensitive to the needs of their peers. This term our team has studied Algebra and Script Writing. Team 10 have created their own body of works in Visual Arts preparing for an end of Semester exhibition.

Jessica and I really look forward to Term Two and working with our existing group and hopefully a few more enrolments. Change is always good! For the students in Team 10, they're ready to welcome a few more into the classroom.



## Team 11 & 12- Sherwood

In team 11 and 12 students have been looking at tie dye as a form of art and expression. They explored different materials and fibers and the chemistry of tie dyeing. Students also created a hat and pillowcase and experimented with different techniques. In English students have been studying the book Wonder by RJ Palacio. Students have learnt a lot about respect, kindness, courage, family and identity. In Geography students have explored different countries around the world. They have really enjoyed studying the cultures, traditions and food from China, Brazil, Australia and India.

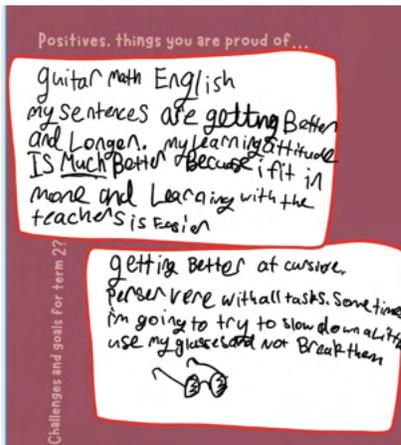


## Team 13- Menangle

Team 13 have had a very busy term. We have seen successful friendships form, students being able to learn to work cooperatively and assist each other positively with aspects of work and technology know-how!

One of our super students had been successfully transitioning to their home high school and has shown excellent access to her work online with support of her Lomandra teacher.

At the end of the term, Team 13 took some time to reflect on their learning and classroom attitudes, and how much they have developed as independent learners. It was an important and rewarding activity to complete.



## Support Return to School Program

Through the Literacy program students explore themes covering human endurance, empathy and resilience. Students participated in conversations around all topics with respect and in a mature manner.

We use the online program Mathletics to engage students in their mathematics.

Students have shown enthusiasm in challenging themselves on topics they struggled with in the past. Students were encouraged to finalise assessment tasks that were overdue and gained support from staff. Students stayed focused when faced with distractions. Students showed a high level of respect for not only their peers but also to all staff at the SRSP Lithgow Street Campus.

SRSP Staff :

AP - Tanya Robinson

SLSO - Deanna Sergeant

